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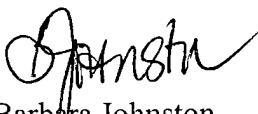
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RE: Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C-52800
Case No. 16-2009-202500

Public Letter of Reprimand

On October 16, 2009, the Florida Board of Medicine issued a Final Order against your medical license resulting in a Letter of Concern, payment of a \$5,000 administrative fine, payment of \$3,349.63 in reimbursement costs, 25 hours of community service and completion of 5 hours of continuing medical education in the area of risk management. The Florida Board found that between 2002 and 2005, you failed to meet the applicable standards of care in your performance of a shave biopsy of lesions on a female patient's nasal dorsum, nasal tip and left upper arm. You failed to obtain clear margins of a surgical excision following the shave biopsy, failed to perform an adequate or timely local excision subsequent to receiving the surgical pathology results of the biopsy, and treated the patient with Efudex and Omnilux light therapy which are inadequate and ineffective treatments of invasive cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma following the inadequate excision. These actions are in violation of California Business and Professions Code sections 141(a), 2234 and 2305.

Pursuant to the authority of the California Business and Professions Code section 2233, you are hereby issued this Public Letter of Reprimand by the Medical Board of California.


Barbara Johnston
Executive Director